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# A Chinese student was questioned for hours in the US, then sent back even as Trump policies shift

By **ALBEE ZHANG** and **DIDI TANG**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The 22-year-old philosophy student from China did not expect any problems after his 29-hour flight arrived at a Texas airport this month as he was on his way to study at the University of Houston. His paperwork was in order. He was going to study humanities — not a tech field that might raise suspicions. He had a full scholarship from the U.S. school and had previously spent a semester at Cornell University for an exchange program with no issues. But the student, who asked to be identified only by his family name, Gu, because of the political sensitivities of the matter, was stopped,

interrogated and 36 hours later, put on a plane back to China. He also was banned from coming back for five years, abruptly halting his dream for an academic career in the United States. "There is no opportunity for the life I had expected," Gu said. He is one of an unknown number of Chinese students with permission to enter the United States who have been sent back to China or faced intense questioning after their arrival, drawing strong protests from Beijing and showing the uncertainty from President Donald Trump's shifting policies. His administration has quickly pivoted from a plan to revoke visas for Chinese students to Trump himself say-

ing he would welcome hundreds of thousands of them, partly to help keep some American schools afloat. The US has put restrictions on Chinese students. Even so, some officials and lawmakers have expressed suspicions about Chinese students, especially those who study advanced technologies such as quantum computing and artificial intelligence, and their possible links to the Chinese government and military. Some lawmakers want to ban Chinese students altogether. There's no immediate data available on how many Chinese students with valid visas have been interrogated and repatriated from U.S. airports in recent weeks. U.S. Customs and Border Protection

This undated handout photo with personal information redacted shows deportation paperwork belonging to a Chinese philosophy student who was deported from the U.S. after landing in Houston to study at the University of Houston.

Associated Press.

did not respond to a request for that data or for comment on Chinese students being questioned or sent back. In recent days, Trump said he told Chinese President Xi Jinping that "we're honored to have their students here." But he also added, "Now, with that, we check and we're careful, we see who is there." The Chinese Embassy said it has received reports involving more than 10 Chinese students and scholars being interrogated, harassed and repatriated when entering the U.S. "The U.S. side has frequently carried out discriminatory, politically driven and selective law enforcement against Chinese students and scholars, inflicting physical and mental harm, financial losses, and disruptions to their careers," the Chinese Embassy said in a statement. They were repatriated under the pretext of "so-called 'visa issues' or 'might endanger U.S. national security,'" the embassy said. The students and scholars were taken into small rooms for extended interrogation, repeatedly questioned on issues unrelated to their academic work, and forced to

wait long hours in cold rooms without blankets or quilts, the embassy said. Some relied on aluminum foil to keep warm, and some were detained for more than 80 hours, it said. Such acts by the U.S. side "run counter to the statements" made by Trump, the embassy said, accusing some U.S. departments and law enforcement personnel of not "faithfully acting on the president's commitment." The White House didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. One Chinese student had no concerns as he headed to the US. Gu told AP that he liked his Cornell experience so much that he applied for a master's program to study philosophy in the U.S. Despite reports of stricter policies by the Trump administration, Gu said he wasn't too worried, not even when he was first stopped and taken to a room for questioning by a customs officer after landing at George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston. His belongings were searched, and his electronics were taken away, he said. □



# Democrats see crime as a major problem. Their party is struggling to address it

By JILL COLVIN and  
LINLEY SANDERS

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Democrat Eric McWilliams doesn't approve of Donald Trump sending National Guard troops to cities like Washington, D.C. And he's certainly not supportive of most of the president's policies.

But the 63-year old retired handyman and U.S. Navy veteran does praise Trump for one thing. "When it comes to crime," he said, "He's alright. He's doing pretty good. How he's doing it is another matter."

"Crime is a big problem," he went on. "At least he is doing something."

McWilliams' views reflect the thinking of a lot of Democrats, according to a recent poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. It finds that while most disapprove of how Trump is handling the issue, a large majority, 68%, see crime as a "major problem" in large cities. That's despite the fact that statistics show crime, overall, is down across the nation, with some cities reporting 30-year lows.

The findings underscore the challenge facing Democratic leaders. They must thread the needle between criticizing Trump's policies, which are deeply unpopular among their base, while at the same time not dismissing widespread concerns about safety, which are amplified in many news sources and in online forums like Facebook and the popular Nextdoor app.

That could create a vulnerability for the party heading into next year's mid-term elections.

Trump pushes Democrats to engage on an issue where he has the upper hand

While Trump remains unpopular overall, the new poll finds his approach to crime has earned him high marks compared to other issues like the economy and immigration. About half of U.S. adults, 53%, say they approve of his handling of crime.

The vast majority of Americans, 81%, also see crime as a "major problem" in large cities. That includes nearly all Republicans, roughly three-quarters of independents and nearly 7 in 10 Democrats.

The issue is complex, though, even for those who are concerned. In interviews, participants who oppose Trump's unprecedented takeover of Washington, D.C.'s police department and threats to expand his efforts to other cities expressed alarm, calling his actions anti-American and part of what they see as an effort to distract the public from issues the White House would prefer they ignore.

They believe resources would be better spent investing in community policing, mental health services and passing meaningful laws to get guns off city streets.

But many also bemoaned the state of public safety in the country, even if they said they felt safe in their own neighborhoods and acknowledged that violent crime is down after a pandemic-era spike. Several noted that they or their neighbors had been the victims of serious crimes and complained about what they felt was a lackluster police response.

Brian Cornelia, 62, a retired foreman and lifelong Democrat who lives in Michigan, near Marquette, is displeased with the performance of both parties.

"Defund the police was nuts," he said. "Now with Trump what he's doing, that's nuts too."

He said that crime is "not at all" an issue where he lives and "down all over," but nonetheless appreciates that Trump is doing something.

"Something is happening. We'll see if it helps or not, but it's better than not doing anything," he said. Either way, he said Trump had backed Democrats into a corner.

"It's bad. How are you going to say you don't want crime to be dealt with?" he

said. "If you argue with him, what, you're soft on crime? It's a Catch-22."

Democrats try to find their own message

Part of the challenge for Democrats is that, historically, crime has not been a top issue for their base.

Gallup polling from April found that only about one-third of Democrats said they worried "a great deal" about crime and violence and were more likely to be concerned about the economy, Social Security, the environment, hunger and homelessness.

Crime has also traditionally been a stronger issue for Republicans, including in the 2024 election.

Democrats acknowledged the gap last week at a



Members of the Louisiana National Guard patrol Union Station, Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025, in Washington.

Associated Press.

national party gathering in Minneapolis. In a presentation to Democratic National Committee members, party strategists noted

Republicans spent about three times as much on crime-related ads as Democrats in recent presidential election years. □

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# China's Xi and India's Modi vow to resolve border differences at a meeting in Tianjin

By HUIZHONG WU

**TIANJIN, China (AP)** — Chinese leader Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged on Sunday to resolve their border differences and bolster cooperation ahead of the opening of a regional summit in Tianjin.

Modi is on his first visit to China since relations between the two countries deteriorated after Chinese and Indian soldiers engaged in deadly border clashes in 2020. Modi is visiting as part of India's membership in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, a regional political, economic and security group founded by China.

Modi said in his opening remarks that relations with China have moved in "a meaningful direction," adding that "there is a peaceful environment at the borders after disengagement."

He also noted "the importance of peace and tranquillity on the border areas for continued development of bilateral relations,"



In this photo provided by Indian Prime Minister's Office, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, left, and Chinese President Xi Jinping shake hand before their meeting on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Tianjin, China Sunday, Aug. 31, 2025. (Indian Prime Minister's Office via AP).

according to a statement from India's Ministry of External Affairs.

Xi said he hoped the Tianjin meeting will "further elevate" and "promote the sustained, healthy and stable development of bilateral relations," according to state broadcaster CCTV.

The two sides should "not let the border issue define the overall China-India relationship," Xi said, adding that economic development should be their main focus.

"As long as they remain committed to the overarching goal of being part-

ners, not rivals, and providing development opportunities, not threats, China-India relations will flourish and move forward steadily," Xi said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who arrived in Tianjin on Sunday, is due to meet with both leaders in the

coming days.

Earlier in August, China's top diplomat Wang Yi flew to New Delhi, as the two sides announced their rapprochement. Both governments pledged to restart border talks, and resume issuing visas and direct flights.

Wang's visit coincided with U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to impose 50% tariffs on India over its purchase of Russian oil, but New Delhi's process of rebuilding ties with Beijing had been in the works for months.

Modi made that message clear Sunday, saying that "India and China both pursue strategic autonomy, and their relations should not be seen through a third country lens," according to India's foreign ministry.

China and India this year have increased official visits and discussed easing some restrictions on trade and the movement of people across the border. In June, Beijing allowed pilgrims from India to visit holy sites in Tibet. □

## Israeli airstrike kills Houthi rebel prime minister in Yemen's capital



A man watches the news on TV, displaying footage of Ahmed al-Rahawi, the prime minister of the Houthi-controlled government, who was killed, along with others, in Thursday's Israeli strikes on the capital, in Sanaa, Yemen, Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025.

Associated Press.

By SAMY MAGDY

**CAIRO (AP)** — An Israeli airstrike killed the prime minister of the Houthi rebel-controlled government in Yemen's capital Sanaa, the Houthis said Saturday. He was the most senior Houthi official killed in the Israeli-U.S. campaign against the Iranian-backed rebels.

Ahmed al-Rahawi was killed

in Thursday's strike in Sanaa along with a number of ministers, the rebels said in a statement. Other ministers and officials were wounded, the statement added without providing details.

The premier was targeted along with other members of his Houthi-controlled government during a "routine workshop held by the gov-

ernment to evaluate its activities and performance over the past year," the Houthi statement said.

Thursday's strike took place as the rebel-owned television station was broadcasting a speech by Abdul Malik al-Houthi, the secretive leader of the rebel group, in which he was sharing updates on the latest Gaza developments and vowing retaliation against Israel. Senior Houthi officials used to gather to watch al-Houthi's prerecorded speeches.

Al-Rahawi wasn't part of the inner circle around al-Houthi that runs the military and strategic affairs of the group. His government, like the previous ones, was tasked with running the day-to-day civilian affairs in Sanaa and other Houthi-held areas.

The strike that killed the prime minister targeted a meeting for Houthi leaders in a villa in Beit Baws, an ancient village in southern Sanaa, three trib-

al leaders told The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared repercussions. On Thursday, the Israeli military said it "precisely struck a Houthi terrorist regime military target in the area of Sanaa in Yemen." Late on Saturday, the military in a statement confirmed killing al-Rahawi "along with additional senior officials." It said senior officials among the dozens at the facility struck were responsible for "terror actions" against Israel.

"Yemen endures a lot for the victory of the Palestinian people," al-Rahawi had said following an Israeli strike last week that struck an facility owned by the country's main oil company, which is controlled by the rebels in Sanaa, as well as a power plant.

The Aug. 24 strike came three days after the Houthis launched a ballistic missile toward Israel that its military described as the first clus-

ter bomb the rebels had launched at it since 2023.

The prime minister hailed from the southern province of Abyan, and was an ally to former Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh. He allied himself with the Houthis when the rebels overran Sanaa, and much of the north and center of the country in 2014, initiating the country's long-running civil war. He was appointed as prime minister in August 2024.

The United States and Israel began their air and naval campaign against the Houthis in response to the rebels' missile and drone attacks on Israel and on ships in the Red Sea. The Houthis targeted ships in response to the war in Gaza, saying they were acting in solidarity with the Palestinians. Their attacks over the past two years have upended shipping in the Red Sea, through which about \$1 trillion of goods pass each year. □



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## Swastikas still linger on some flags in Finland's air force, but are on the way out

By JAMEY KEATEN

**GENEVA (AP)** — Finland's Air Force, now part of NATO, still flies swastikas on a handful of unit flags — but is preparing to phase them out, largely to avoid awkwardness with its Western allies.

The history of the Finnish air force's use of the swastika, which since the 20th century has largely been associated with Nazi tyranny and hate groups, is more complex than at first appearance. It is an ancient symbol and Finland's air force began using it many years before the birth of Nazi Germany.

Change has been underway for years. A swastika logo was quietly pulled off the Air Force Command's unit emblem a few years ago. But swastikas have remained on some Finnish air force flags, raising eyebrows among NATO allies, tourists and other foreigners who spot them at military events. "We could have continued with this flag, but sometimes awkward situations can arise with foreign visitors. It may be wise to live with the times, Col. Tomi Böhm, the new head of Karelia Air Wing air defense force, was quoted as saying in a report Thursday by the public broadcaster YLE.

A bad look for a new NATO member

The Defense Forces, in an email to The Associated Press on Friday, said a plan to renew the air force unit flags was launched in 2023, the year Finland joined NATO, but said it was not linked to joining the alliance. The aim, it said, was "to update the symbolism and emblems of the flags to better reflect the current identity of the Air Force."



Flags of Finnish Air Forces are seen during a parade in Jyväskylä, Finland in November 2024.

Associated Press.

It referred to an article in daily Helsingin Sanomat on Friday, which said the reason for the removal was a perception that the swastika has been an "embarrassing symbol in international contexts."

Finland, which shares a long border with Russia, joined NATO in April 2023 over concerns related to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

Teivo Teivainen, a professor of world politics at the University of Helsinki, said the flags in question were introduced in the 1950s and today are flown by four Air Force units.

The Air Force and the Finnish public generally had for years insisted the swastikas used in Finland's air force "have nothing to do with

the Nazi swastika," said Teivainen, who this month had a book published whose Finnish title translates as "History of the Swastika." But now, following Finland's integration with NATO, policymakers have decided "there's now a need to get more integrated with the forces of countries like Germany, the Netherlands, and France — countries where the swastika is clearly a negative symbol," he said. Teivainen said that in 2021, German air force units bowed out of a final ceremony following exercises at a military base in Finland's Lapland region after learning that the Finnish swastikas would be on display.

A symbol used for more than a century

Finland's air force adopted the swastika emblem in 1918 soon after country gained its independence after more than a century of Imperial Russian rule.

Count Eric von Rosen of neighboring Sweden donated Finland's first military plane in 1918, which bore his personal symbol, the swastika. The Finnish air force soon after adopted a blue swastika on a white background as the national insignia on all its planes from 1918 to 1945. After the war, the imagery remained for decades on some Air Force unit flags and decorations as well as on the insignia of the Air Force Academy.

But that doesn't mean there is no Nazi connection at all. Von Rosen, an aristocratic

explorer and ethnographer, was the brother-in-law of Hermann Goering, a decorated World War I German fighter pilot who became an early Nazi Party member. Goering went on to lead Germany's Luftwaffe during World War II under Hitler. The Finnish air force stressed that its use of the symbol had no connection to Nazi Germany, although Finland entered into a reluctant alliance with the Third Reich during World War II. New flags — featuring an eagle — will be published when the work has been completed and the flags are introduced into use for events like parades and local ceremonies, the Defense Forces said, without saying when that would happen. □



# Lebanon's speaker calls for national dialogue on Hezbollah's weapons, criticizes US pressure

By **KAREEM CHEHAYEB**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — Lebanon's parliament speaker on Sunday criticized Washington's push to quickly to disarm the Hezbollah militant group, and called instead for a calm national dialogue to determine "the fate of those weapons."

Nabih Berri, a key ally of Hezbollah who was instrumental in negotiating with Washington to reach a ceasefire that ended a monthslong war between Israel and Hezbollah in November, made the remarks in an address to the country commemorating the disappearance of prominent Shiite cleric Moussa al-Sadr.

The Lebanese military will soon present a plan to the government on disarming Hezbollah by the end of the year, after President Joseph Aoun and most of Prime Minister Nawaf Salam's government endorsed a proposal by U.S. envoy Tom Barrack. Both since coming to power earlier this year have vowed to monopolize all weapons in the hands of the Lebanese military and security agencies.

Hezbollah leader Sheikh Naim Kassim has refused to discuss the matter of the Iran-backed group and political party's weapons until the Israeli military withdraws from five hilltops in south-



**Lebanese army soldiers escort trucks carrying weapons handed over by Palestinian factions from Rashidiyeh refugee camp to the Lebanese army, as they pass in Tyre city, south Lebanon, Thursday, Aug. 28, 2025.**

ern Lebanon it controls and stops its near-daily strikes on Lebanon.

"We are open to discussing the fate of these weapons, which we Lebanese see as honorable, within the framework of a calm and consensual dialogue," said Berri. He said that would be in line with Aoun and Salam's policies.

Hours before the address, Israeli jets launched intense airstrikes over the southern Nabatieh province. Lebanon's state-run National

News Agency said they damaged some shops and homes. Israel said it was targeting Hezbollah infrastructure. Videos after the strike showed large smoke plumes coming from the rolling hills in the area. There was no immediate word of casualties. The original ceasefire plan last November called for Hezbollah to disarm in southern Lebanon below the Litani River, while Israel would withdraw its forces from Lebanon and stop its strikes. Disarming the group and other non-

state actors in other parts of the country was to be addressed in a later stage. However, U.S. officials have told Lebanese authorities not to expect the Israelis to take any steps to withdraw before seeing some sort of disarmament plan go into effect. Hezbollah insists that it has disarmed in the south and has done its part of the deal. Israel believes it is trying to rebuild its military capacities there.

What the U.S. is proposing now "goes beyond the prin-

ciple of restricting weapons," said Berri, who criticized Israel for its ongoing near-daily airstrikes.

In a recent visit to Lebanon, Barrack praised the government's decision to disarm Hezbollah. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israeli troops could begin withdrawing from southern Lebanon following Beirut's decision, without giving any details.

Lebanese authorities fear a direct confrontation between the country's military and Hezbollah. But Washington and Hezbollah's opponents see the opportunity for a swift disarmament after Israel's large-scale attacks in Lebanon that killed a slew of senior Hezbollah military officials, and after their key ally Bashar Assad next door in Syria was ousted in a lightning insurgency last December.

A low-level conflict between Israel and Hezbollah started a day after the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas-led attack against Israel from Gaza, when Hezbollah began launching rockets across the border in support of its Palestinian ally. The conflict escalated into war in September 2024, leaving more than 4,000 people dead and causing destruction worth \$11 billion in Lebanon, according to the World Bank. □



**Pope Leo XIV delivers his blessing as he recites the Angelus noon prayer from the window of his studio overlooking St. Peter's Square, at the Vatican, Sunday, Aug. 31, 2025.**

**Associated Press.**

By **NICOLE WINFIELD**

**VATICAN CITY (AP)** — Pope Leo XIV on Sunday called for an end to the "pandemic of arms, large and small," as he prayed publicly for the vic-

tims of a shooting during a Catholic school Mass in the United States. History's first U.S. pope spoke in English as he denounced the attack and the "logic of weapons" fuel-

## Pope demands end to the 'pandemic of arms' as he prays for victims of Minnesota school shooting

ing wars around the world, during his Sunday noon blessing from his studio overlooking St. Peter's Square.

"Our prayers for the victims of the tragic shooting during a school Mass in the American state of Minnesota," said the Chicago-born Leo. "We hold in our prayers the countless children killed and injured every day around the world. Let us plead God to stop the pandemic of arms, large and small, which infects our world."

Two children were killed Wednesday and 20 people

were injured during the shooting attack at the Church of Annunciation in Minneapolis, as hundreds of students from the nearby Annunciation Catholic School and others gathered for a Mass. The shooter fired 116 rifle rounds through the church's stained-glass windows, and later died by suicide.

The attack once again reignited the debate over guns in America. Those who support stricter background checks on gun purchases and other laws, often Democrats, say that Republican politicians

who appeal to "thoughts and prayers" after school shootings are trying to distract from their own inaction on gun restrictions.

In the immediate aftermath of the shooting, Leo had refrained from any political commentary about guns in America, sending a telegram of condolence that focused exclusively on the spiritual. He said he was saddened by the "terrible tragedy" and sent his "heartfelt condolences and the assurance of spiritual closeness to all those affected." □



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## Food culture in Aruba

**(Oranjestad) – Like many other cultures, an important aspect of the Aruban cultural identity is our connection to food and food traditions. The local food traditions consist of a melting pot of different cultural and religious eating habits and dishes.**

Breakfast, lunch and dinner The routine of breakfast, lunch and dinner on the island is one that does not completely follow a European or American routine, despite the major influences from these parts of the world on our culture and way of living. When it comes to the three important meals of the day, most of the Aruban population follows a Latin-American influenced routine.

### Breakfast

Breakfast in Aruba is quite simple: a cup of coffee or tea, some bread, and sometimes an egg. Sometimes, due to the need of a quick “to-go” breakfast, you may also find many snack trucks and cafes that sell sandwiches, pastechis (meat pie), arepas and empanadas early in the morning.

### Main Meal

The main meal is typically eaten in most households around noon or in the afternoon. This can consist of meat, fish, and chicken—stewed or fried—with funchi (polenta) or rice with stewed vegetables. Often, fried or boiled plantain or pan bati (Aruban pancake) is included. Stews are a staple in Aruban cuisine and can be largely influenced by Latin-American and Latin/Afro-Caribbean Stews. Some of the more unique stews and soups from the ABC Islands\* include sopi di bonchi cora (red kidney bean soup with pig tail), sopi mondon-go (tripe soup), carni stoba (beef stew), comcomber

stoba (West Indian gherkin stew) and much more.

### Dinner Time

Dinner time can vary significantly from household to household. Unlike the U.S. or in Europe, dinner time typically does not consist of a whole (warm) meal. Instead, the evening “meal” can typically consist of something lighter, like a sandwich, though it is not uncommon to see leftovers from the main meal reheated and eaten again. Tea and coffee are often also served with the evening snack.

### (Religious) Holidays

Christmas is probably the biggest global holiday, and every culture has its own spin on what their Christmas cuisine entails. In Aruba, our Christmas cuisine is again largely based on Latin-American influences, most notably from Venezuela. Ayacas and the famous pan di ham\* are two crucial holiday dishes, along with stuffed turkey, roasted glazed ham topped with pineapples, arroz con pollo (rice and chicken) and potato salad, among other items. Traditional drinks include ponche crema (Aruban eggnog), chuculati pinda (hot chocolate with peanut butter), and homemade fruit punch. Desserts include, bolo di pistachio (pistachio cake), bolo di cashupete (cashew cake), quesillo (flan), bolo preto (dark fruit cake), drigidek (gingerbread), pan boyo (bread cake) and more. Snacks and tasty delights Besides meals and dishes that are eaten on the dinner table, Aruba also has a food tradition that includes snacks and other tasty delights that you may easily find around the island. These include, Saco\*, basket, pastechi, kroket, deditos, Johnny cake and more. These snacks are usually sold at local snack

trucks and cafes, often located on the side of the road. In the area of Tanki Leendert and Tanki flip, for example, there are many of these trucks parked on the side of the road and often open until late at night—offering tasty and filling snacks post night-life fun. □

\*ABC Islands: Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao

\*Pan di ham: Derived from the Venezuelan Pan de Jamon (rolled up bread with



ham, raisins and olives)

\*Saco: Saco literally means “bag”. Saco contains fried potatoes, plantains, chicken (and ribs) and a Johnny

cake, served in a paper bag.

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## Beaches for the whole family to enjoy!

(Oranjestad)—One of the biggest concerns that parents have when traveling with their children is a guarantee of their safety and healthy enjoyment. Therefore, we thought it would be a great help to traveling parents to list off some the most family-friendly beaches around the island.

### Baby Beach in San Nicolas

Baby Beach is one Aruba's most popular and visited beaches, and for good reason: This sandy and quiet lagoon is a great place for parents to sit back and relax while their children play in the shallow shores of the beach. Beside the relaxing atmosphere, there are also several services that may accommodate your stay, like a parking lot, sun tent rentals, chairs, bathrooms and a snack bar right at the far left of the beach.

### Mangel Halto in Pos Chiquito

Mangel Halto is situated in the back streets of the



Pos Chiquito city. Though there are several stairs on the sides of the beach cliff leading you down, the best spot for families to hang out is across the bridge, passed the mangrove trees near the entrance sign. Here, there are small and big palapas, perfect for big and small families to

set up their belongings. In this area, the shore is also shallow, falling right around your knee before slowly getting deeper: perfect for kids to safely play.

### Eagle Beach/Palm Beach in the hotel area

Yet another highly popular beach sites, Eagle Beach

and Palm Beach is where most of our visitors go to tan, swim or play in the white sand. Because they are near the low-rise and high-rise hotel areas, these beaches are the most accessible for visitors on foot. These beaches also offer many palapas free to use, but you can also rent chairs

and tents. Much like Baby Beach, these sites are one of the best beaches for your children to play and build sand castles.

### Boca Catalina in Malmok

Boca Catalina is a small bay beach near the Malmok beach area further down the hotel areas. Though it may not be a very sandy beach, it is relatively quiet and tranquil. This is a great place for family to lay down a big blanket and have a little picnic. This is also one of the best places to snorkel, as this area is filled with little fish and corals, even close to the shore.

### Palm Island

Ok, this one is technically not a beach, but a must-visit attraction for family fun. This small water park oasis is located further down the Mangel Halto Beach and is reachable by boat. This water park offers 6 hours of fun activities, food, drinks, and a chance to see pink flamingos up close! □

## Adriaan Laclé: One of Aruba's richest men in the twentieth century

(Oranjestad)—The name Adriaan Laclé may ring a bell to locals as one of the bigger roads on the island, but about a century ago, Adriaan Laclé was a rich businessman, well-known for his generosity, wealth, and taste.

Adriaan was born in 1866 and was the eldest of six children. Not much is known about his childhood upbringing or any of his earlier business ordeals, but during his hay day he often helped people get loans, was a well-established trad-

er, and owned several plots of land. In fact, he commissioned the construction of the famous La Quinta Carmen manor—now a restaurant. Though he himself never lived in the beautiful manor, his own house also reflected his success and good taste. Today his house still stands in good condition and can be found in the back streets of main street Oranjestad.

Regarding his personal life, it has been said that he was married twice during his lifetime. He had his first daughter during his first marriage but lost his wife soon after her birth. During his second marriage, he fathered 16 children. However, it has been said that only 11 of those 17 made it past 18 years of age. Perhaps two of his most well-known daughters are Maria Monica Laclé and Maria Veneranda Laclé, who went on to marry successful brothers Eloy Arends and Maximilian Arends, respectively. Their houses are still standing; Eloy and Maria Monica's mansion functions as a townhall, used to host civil marriages, while Maximilian and Maria Veneranda's house stands on the opposite side of the

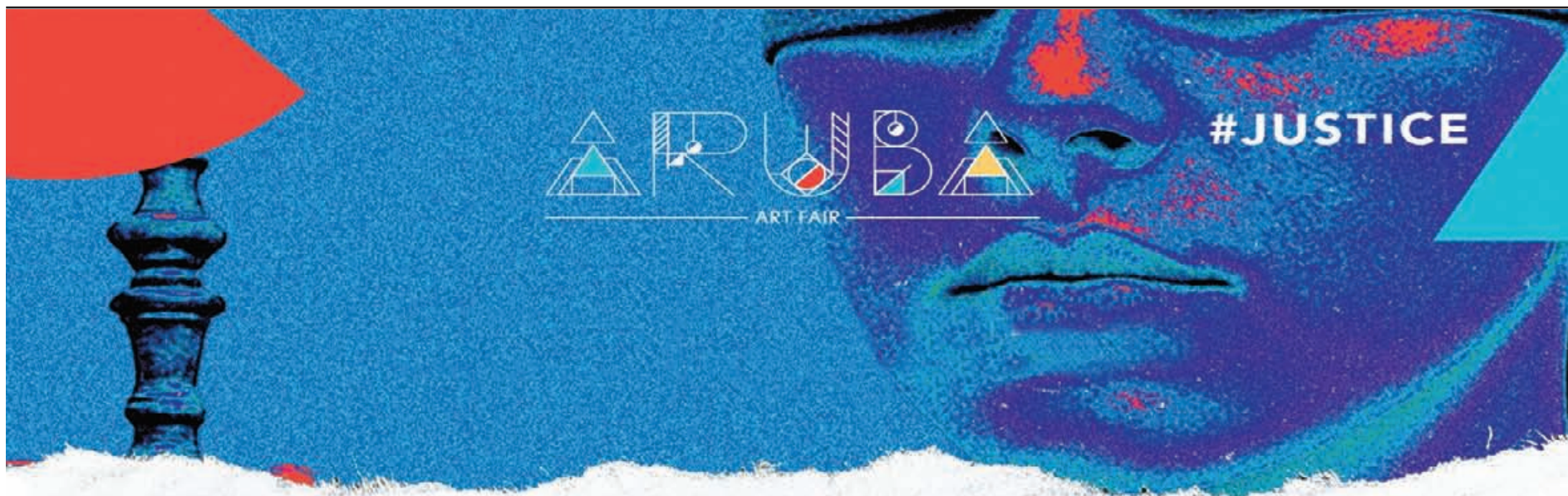


road to them—though currently under renovation after years left in ruin. □

Source: *De Kolibrie op de Rots (en meer over de geschiedenis van Aruba)* by Evert Bongers.







## Art Week Aruba 2025 kicks off today with ArtTable and ArtFashion

ORANJESTAD (August 29, 2025) – ArtWeek Aruba 2025 will take place from September 1 to 7 in San Nicolas, under the inspiring theme “Art for Justice.” Two spectacular events will open the week: ArtTable on Monday, September 1, and ArtFashion on Wednesday, September 3.

ArtTable will inaugurate the program with a grand creative table at the San Nicolas Promenade. It is an invitation to the entire community, tourists, and lovers of unique experiences to paint outdoors, guided by local and international artists. Tickets for ArtTable are US\$100 per person, including art materials, wine, and snacks. Seating is limited, so it is essential to secure your ticket early via [artweekaruba.com](http://artweekaruba.com).

Three days later, the San Nicolas catwalk will become the stage for ArtFashion: Justice on the Runway. Fashion becomes a message, with local and international designers showcasing collections that highlight justice and inclusion.



Among the featured talents are Elisa Lejuez with her collection. “Themis, the Greek Goddess of Justice,” a collaboration between Maison Ryon and Yahaira Maduro, as well as Ronchi de Cuba presenting his collection “Identidad 2025.”

Tickets for ArtFashion are available via [artweekaruba.com](http://artweekaruba.com) and at Trash By Ronchi.

These two events form the perfect prelude to the grand Aruba Art Fair, which will take place September 5–7 in San Nicolas.

For those who want to experience the full journey of Art for Justice, an All-Access Week Pass is available for US\$120, granting entry to ArtTable, ArtFashion, and all three days of the Aruba Art Fair.

Visit [artweekaruba.com](http://artweekaruba.com) to secure your entry and become part of ArtWeek Aruba 2025. San Nicolas will shine with art, fashion, and the message of justice – and you won't want to miss it. For the full schedule of activities, live performances by artists and musical groups, local and international designers, and ticketing options, visit [www.artweekaruba.com](http://www.artweekaruba.com) or follow the official Art Week Aruba pages on Facebook and Instagram. □







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## Rock stacking and its harmful effects

(Oranjestad)—Through a Facebook post, the organization Aruba Birdlife Conservation has raised an alarm about the phenomenon of “rock stacking” reaching the area of Baby Beach and warned about the dangers it poses, especially for children.

As known, “rock stacking” is not illegal in Aruba, but its impact on nature is harmful as the stones form part of the natural habitat of small animal species living in Aruba’s wilderness. Experts warn that “rock stacking” could even

lead certain species to extinction.

In Aruba, much of the “rock stacking” also occurs near Arikok National Park. Although this activity is not illegal in Aruba, it may be time for park authorities to impose stricter regulations on this activity.

Tourists often believe that the meaning behind this activity is making a wish, but they do not realize its negative impact.

Aruba Birdlife Conservation’s



post not only raises alarms about the activity but also now that this phenomenon

has reached Baby Beach, some of the stacked stone towers are up to 1.7 meters

high, which can be very dangerous, especially for children.□

## Aruba’s neighborhoods; the meaning behind their names; Ayo & Alto Vista



(Oranjestad)—Just like any other country, Aruba has unique and beautifully named neighborhoods that all form a part of its culture and development. Many of these names have a historical background and meaning that teaches us

about the island and its rich culture every day.

With this series, we want to take you on a journey of discovery, where you’ll learn not only the beautiful names but the history behind it that gives it life and

meaning.

### Ayo

Ajo, or Ayo, is a word with Arawak-Indian origin. A (or Ha) is an Indo-Antillean generalizing word. If you were to change a part of the word “Ayo”, namely ‘Yo’, to ‘Yu’ and make ‘Ayu’, it would mean “white.”

However, as we now know, the name of the neighborhood is ‘Ayo’. The word ‘Yo’ stands for Yocahu, which is another word for ‘creator’ in Arawak/Taino and in the Papiamentu spoken today, ‘Ayo’ means ‘bye’.

At Ayo, you can find some of the most well known rock formations. These forma-

tions became a well loved and visited attraction at Aruba that is held in high regards by both tourists and locals alike.

If you’d like to know more about the rock formations at Ayo, stay tuned for our article where we tell you all about its location and history.

This neighborhood’s abbreviation is; A.

### Alto Vista

This word combination can be roughly translated to a ‘high point of view’ and the neighborhood received this name from the Hill.

In the surrounding areas, Domingo Antonia Silvestre built his by his own means the very first chapel or church of Aruba. The walls of this church were made with rocks but the roof was made of dry corn stalks. The church was inaugurated by father Pablo Algemesi

If you’d like to know more about the Alto Vista Church’s beautiful history, stay tuned for our article where we tell you all you need to know about it for when you visit it.

This neighborhood’s abbreviation is; AV.□





# National Park Arikok: Aruba's biggest nature conservation

The National Park Arikok comprises almost 18 % of the island. Its rugged terrain, desert-like hills filled with tall cacti, breathtaking coastline and protected local flora and fauna welcome you to be explored. There are numerous animals to discover, for example the bright blue Cododo or mighty Warawara.

The national park Arikok takes you on a memorable journey of the islands past offering unique geological, cultural and historical sites. These can all be enjoyed and explored either on your own or during guided tours. A wide variety of educational and informative programs and fun activities is available.

Did you know that four of the seven species of sea turtle lay their eggs on Aruba's beaches? In the national park, a Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*) keeps a strict eye on a very special event taking place below on the beach: A majestic Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) heading back to the ocean after laying her eggs. Sea turtles prefer nesting in the cool and dark hours of the night. And hatchlings usually wait for the cue of cooling surface sand before emerging.



## Nature Conservation

The protected area of National Park Arikok was officially established in 2000. Arikok National Park is a 34 square kilometers (7907 acres) of natural area, located at the north-eastern part of Aruba which contains examples of most of the island's flora and fauna against a backdrop of great geological complexity. We are proud to state that approximately 18% of the total land area of

Aruba is assigned as a National Park, to protect and preserve the flora, fauna, geology and historical remains present within Arikok National Park.

## The Landscape

There is a great geological variety within the park. The main aspects are the rough hills of the volcanic Aruba lava formation, the mysterious rocks of the batholithic quartz-diorite/tonalite, and the limestone rocks from

fossilized coral. The two tallest hills on the island are situated within the park. Jamanota hill 188 meters (617 ft) and Arikok hill 176 meters (577 ft), from which the name of the park is derived.

The line of the permanently wind-and-wave beaten North Coast is broken by several bays (boca's). Most of them are small yet impressive inlets at the mouth of dry riverbeds. Some of these bays (boca's) are spectacular sights, adorned with white, sandy beaches and sand dunes, as is the case at Boca Prins and Dos Playa.

Arikok is also home to Conchi, Aruba's most important natural attraction; also known as The Natural Pool. The journey to the Pool is and adventure by itself and only possible by foot, horse, or 4x4 vehicle. As of 2020, ATV's and UTVs are not allowed in the park due to its significant impact they have on nature.

## Cultural and Historical components

There are a number of sites within the park that attest to the history of Aruba. The Caquetío Indians left rock paintings in Cunucu Arikok and Fontein Cave.

Old plantation (Cunucus) sites tell the story of an active yet challenging agricultural past.

These Cunucus were also residential areas for the few families that worked the land. These families found ways to survive in

the difficult conditions, and were able to erect their homes with materials found in the area. Two of these adobe houses have been restored. Park rangers are learning many of the old building techniques in order to preserve this unique Aruban mud-house. At Cunucu Arikok and near Plantation Prins you can find these adobe houses.

## Park Management

For the management of the park, a dedicated foundation "Aruba Conservation Foundation (ACF), formerly known as Aruba National Park Foundation. This foundation was established in July 2003. In February 2017, mangrove and wetland RAMSAR site #198 Spanish Lagoon was annexed to Arikok National Park due to its importance as a feeding and breeding area for water birds and as a nursery area for a variety of marine organisms. With this addition, the areas under management increased by 70 hectares while the amount of species of flora and fauna to be conserved to over 250. On December 21st, 2018 (AB 2018 no. 77) Parke Marino Aruba – currently consisting of four marine protected areas (MPAs) – was officially established and subsequently brought under management of ACF. In 2019, preliminary management plan for marine were introduced for Parke Marino to conserve reefs, seagrass beds, and mangrove forests and in 2020 ACF was given additional management areas such as the Saliñas (Druif, Malmok, Cerca, Palm Beach, Bubali etc.) and also additional areas such as Rooi Manonchi, Ser'I Teishi etc. Managed areas can be seen here: <https://acf.aw/>.

Visit the National Park Arikok to see the wonder of Aruba's nature. The visitor center in San Fuego and entrance in Vader Piet (San Nicolas) is open daily from 8:00 AM to 16:00 PM. Contact the ACF via e-mail, [info@acf.aw](mailto:info@acf.aw) or call +297 585 1234 for more information. □





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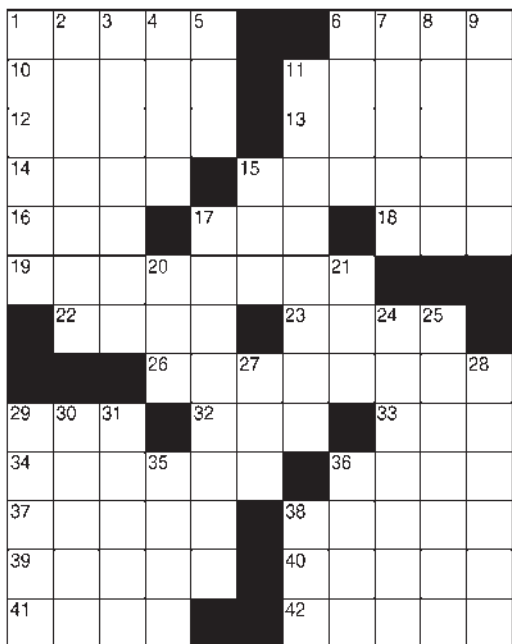
By **THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

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1 Group of top players  
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11 Full of pep  
12 Crime outing  
13 Skin features  
14 Good pair  
15 Zealous  
16 Golf goal  
17 Greek X  
18 Pig's place  
19 Stretch out  
22 Half of a sextet  
23 Clumsy ones  
26 Tighten up  
29 Greek T  
32 Rap's Lil — X  
33 Farm grazer  
34 Fish-catching bird  
36 Tortoise's rival  
37 Gather fleeces  
38 Weighed down

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4 Iowa city  
5 Impair  
6 LummoX  
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15 Cry of insight  
17 Crosby and Sinatra  
20 Quirk  
21 Ship sealer  
24 Fronts  
25 Game officials  
27 Opposing vote  
28 Wallet bill  
29 Puccini opera  
30 Pale  
31 Tip over  
35 "Dog-gone!"  
36 Head light?  
38 Research setting



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AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

9-6 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

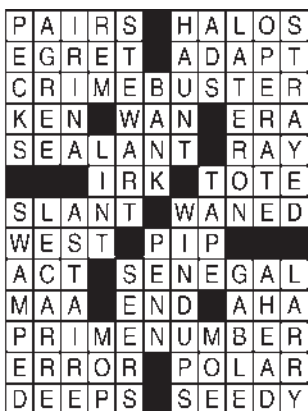
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**Cryptoquote:** FORGIVING IS NOT FORGETTING. FORGIVING IS REMEMBERING WITHOUT PAIN. — CELIA CRUZ



**Cruise ship Schedule: Sep 02 - 18 2025**

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| TUE | 09 | ADVENTURE OF THE SEAS | 07.00 | 16.00 | C     | 1     |
| WED | 10 | CARNIVAL VISTA        | 08.00 | 16.00 | C     | 1     |
|     |    | RHAPSODY OF THE SEAS  | 08.00 | 23.00 | B     | 1     |
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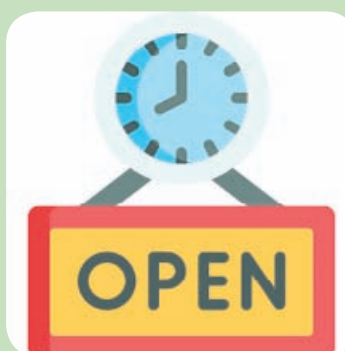
**Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba**

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.



**Drinking water**

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.



**Supermarket hours**

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 8 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.



**Electrical power**

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of outlets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

**SUDOKU**

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

**King Classic Sudoku**

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Difficulty: ★

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**Answer to previous puzzle**

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Difficulty: ★★★★★

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# Drones blasting AC/DC and Scarlett Johansson are helping biologists protect cattle from wolves



In this image taken from video released by the USDA, Gray wolves halt an attack on a cow at an undisclosed location along the Oregon/California border after a drone emits noises at them as part of efforts by the USDA to monitor predators at night and repel them from livestock by non-lethal means.

(USDA via AP).

By CEDAR ATTANASIO

(AP)—For millennia humans have tried to scare wolves away from their livestock. Most of them didn't have drones. But a team of biologists working near the California-Oregon border do, and they're using them to blast AC/DC's "Thunderstruck," movie clips and live human voices at the apex predators to shoo them away from cattle in an ongoing experiment.

"I am not putting up with this anymore!" actor Scarlett Johansson yells in one clip, from the 2019 film "Marriage Story." "With what? I can't talk to people?" co-star Adam Driver shouts back. Gray wolves were hunted nearly to extinction throughout the U.S. West by the first half of the 20th century. Since their reintroduction in Idaho and at Yellowstone National Park in the mid-1990s, they've proliferated to the point that a population in the Northern Rockies has been removed from the endangered species list. There are now hundreds of wolves in Washington and Oregon, dozens more in northern California, and thousands roaming near the Great Lakes.

The recovering population has meant increasing conflict with ranchers — and increasingly creative efforts by the latter to protect livestock. They've turned to electrified fencing, wolf alarms, guard dogs, horseback patrols, trapping and relocating, and now drones. In some areas where non-lethal efforts have failed, officials routinely approve

killing wolves, including last week in Washington state. Gray wolves killed some 800 domesticated animals across 10 states in 2022, a previous Associated Press review of data from state and federal agencies found. Scientists with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service developed the techniques for hazing wolves by drone while monitoring them using thermal imaging cameras at night, when the predators are most active. A preliminary study released in 2022 demonstrated that adding human voices through a loudspeaker rigged onto a drone can freak them out.

The team documented successful interruptions of wolf hunts. When Dustin Ranglack, the USDA's lead researcher on the project, saw one for the first time, he smiled from ear to ear.

"If we could reduce those negative impacts of wolves, that is going to be more likely to lead to a situation where we have coexistence," Ranglack said.

The preloaded clips include recordings of music, gunshots, fireworks and voices. A drone pilot starts by playing three clips chosen at random, such as the "Marriage Story" scene or "Thunderstruck," with its screams and hair-raising electric guitar licks.

If those don't work, the operator can improvise by yelling through a microphone or playing a different clip that's not among the randomized presets. One favorite is the heavy metal band Five Finger Death Punch's cover of "Blue on Black," which might blast the lyric "You turned and you ran" as the wolves flee. USDA drone pilots have continued cattle protection patrols this summer while researching wolf responses at ranches with high conflict levels along the Oregon-California border. Patrols extended south to the Sierra Valley in August for the first time, according to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

It's unclear whether the wolves might become accustomed to the drones. Herders and wolf hunters in Europe have long deterred them with long lines hung with flapping cloth, but the wolves can eventually

learn that the flags are not a threat.

Environmental advocates are optimistic about drones, though, because they allow for scaring wolves in different ways, in different places. "Wolves are frightened of novel things," said Amaroq Weiss, a wolf advocate with the Center for Biological Diversity. "I know that in the human imagination, people think of wolves as big, scary critters that are scared of nothing." There are also drawbacks to the technology. A drone with night vision and a loudspeaker costs around \$20,000, requires professional training and doesn't work well in wooded areas, making it impractical for many ranchers. □

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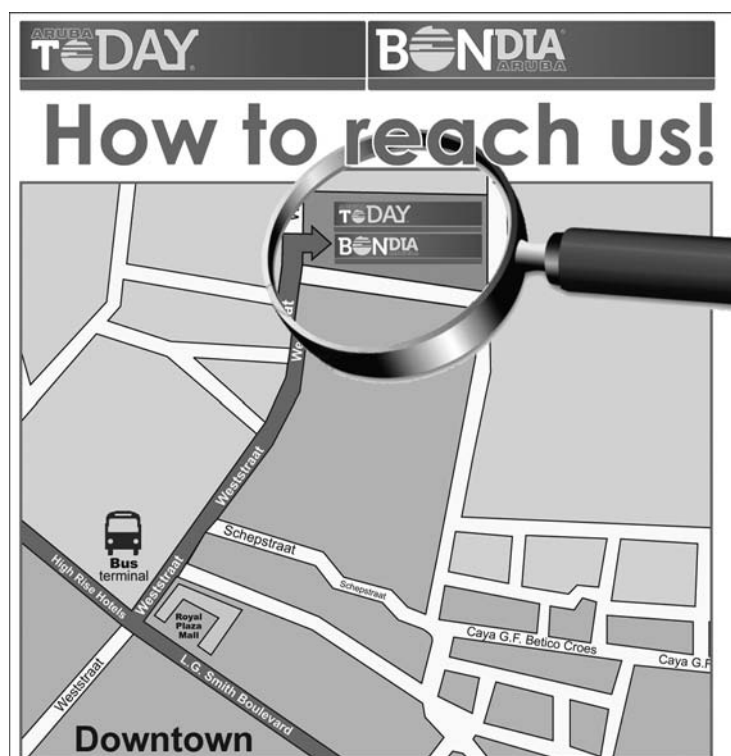
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ARUBA TODAY NEWS



# Sam Leavitt accounts for 4 TDs, No. 11 Arizona State grinds out 38-19 win over Northern Arizona

By JOHN MARSHALL

(AP) — Sam Leavitt accounted for 330 yards and four touchdowns, Jordyn Tyson caught two touchdown passes and No. 11 Arizona State overcame a slew of mistakes to beat Northern Arizona 38-19 on Saturday night.

"When you get to coach special players you're constantly amazed," Arizona State coach Kenny Dillingham said. "It's always good to win ugly — it wakes people up a little bit."

The Sun Devils reached the College Football Playoff for the first time last season despite being picked last in the Big 12, sparking an interest that led to a school-record 14,280 students among the sold-out crowd. Arizona State fed off the energy by jumping out to a quick 14-0 lead against the Football Championship Subdivision Lumberjacks, but bumbled through the rest of the first half.

Leavitt picked the Sun Devils back up, scoring on runs of 52 and 18 yards in the third quarter. He later hit Tyson on an acrobatic 16-yard TD that put Arizona



Arizona State running back Kyson Brown, right, gets pulled down by Northern Arizona defensive back Canyon Moses as Northern Arizona linebacker Travis Arena, left, closes in during the first half of an NCAA football game Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025, in Tempe, Ariz.

Associated Press.

State up 38-13.

Leavitt threw for 257 yards and three TDs on 25-of-39 passing with an interception, adding 73 yards and a TD on the ground. Tyson had 12 catches for 141 yards and Raleek Brown added a 6-yard touchdown run.

"We did some good stuff

overall, but we got to take care of some of the little things," Leavitt said.

NAU's Ty Pennington threw for 204 yards and hit Nason Coleman on a 3-yard touchdown early in the third quarter. Pennington was replaced by Lathan Boone in the fourth quarter after taking several hard

hits.

## Third down woes

Northern Arizona had a rough time converting third downs all night.

The Lumberjacks didn't convert their first one until the fourth quarter and finished 2 of 15.

Arizona State had its own third-down problems, finish-

ing 2 of 10.

## Penalty problems

First games are typically filled with penalties and the Sun Devils had plenty, particularly after scoring the two quick touchdowns.

Arizona State had consecutive plays of 60-plus yards — one was a TD — erased by penalties in the third quarter and finished with 12 for 93 yards.

"We can't have 12 penalties for 93 yards that cost us probably an additional 150 yards of total yardage," Dillingham said. "We've got to clean that up."

## The takeaway

Northern Arizona: The Lumberjacks, No. 18 in the FCS coaches preseason poll, bounced back from a shaky start to keep Arizona State within reach before fading in the second half.

Arizona State: The Sun Devils had a hard time getting out of their own way at times, but did just enough right win their 26th straight home opener.

## Up next

Northern Arizona hosts Utah Tech next Saturday.

Arizona State plays at Mississippi State next Saturday. □



Jannik Sinner, of Italy, returns a shot against Denis Shapovalov, of Canada, during the third round of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025, in New York.

Associated Press

By HOWARD FENDRICH

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jannik Sinner got broken for the first time in Week 1 of the U.S. Open. Dropped the opening set, even. Fell way behind in the third set, too.

"I'm not a machine, you know," he said with the hint of a smile Saturday. "I also struggle, sometimes."

Hmmm. Sure, Jannik, may-

be so. Still, Sinner is the No. 1-ranked player in men's tennis and has won the past three Grand Slam tournaments played on hard courts, so no one was surprised when he set aside some lapses and emerged to beat No. 27 Denis Shapovalov 5-7, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 Saturday to take his title defense at Flushing Meadows

# Jannik Sinner drops a set in a US Open win and then reminds folks that he's not a machine

to the fourth round.

"That I have pressure and tension is normal. I've had that for a year, and you need to handle it," the Italian said. "Either you handle it — or you don't. ... It's better to have to deal with that than not."

On Monday, Sinner will face No. 23 Alexander Bublik of Kazakhstan for a place in the quarterfinals. Bublik beat No. 14 Tommy Paul of the United States 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-1 in a 3 1/2-hour match that ended at 1:16 a.m. Sunday.

Sinner's latest triumph stretched his hard-court unbeaten run at majors to 24 matches, covering championships at the U.S. Open in 2024 and the Australian Open in 2024 and 2025. He also won the trophy at

Wimbledon on grass courts in July.

But Sinner's set streak in New York ended; he had claimed 14 in a row since dropping one in a victory against 2021 champion Daniil Medvedev in the quarterfinals a year ago.

Sinner explained that his serve did not feel quite right Saturday, and that Shapovalov was reading it well.

"I was able to put pressure on Jannik today," Shapovalov said, "so who says that another player can't do the same?"

Sinner double-faulted to close the opening set, which earlier featured a remarkable 30-stroke point in which both men hit drop shots. Sinner took that point by sprinting back to the baseline and

twisting his body to deliver a lob winner that floated just out of Shapovalov's reach. After rebounding to even the match at a set apiece, Sinner found himself trailing 3-0, love-30 in the third after Shapovalov grabbed 14 of 17 points.

"Key moment," Sinner would say later.

From there, he took nine games in a row to seize control.

"We were going toe to toe. It was a very close match. A lot of games were very close," said Shapovalov, a left-hander from Canada who was a Wimbledon semifinalist in 2021. "He's No. 1 for a reason. He dealt with it really well. He fights extremely well. He did a tremendous job to turn it around down 3-0 in the third there." □



# Kiros and Hassan smash records at Sydney Marathon

**Associated Press**

**SYDNEY (AP)** — Ethiopia's Hailemariam Kiros and Sifan Hassan of the Netherlands have surged to record-breaking victories in the men's and women's races at the debut of the Sydney Marathon as a world major on Sunday. Kiros won a thrilling men's race in two hours six minutes and six seconds to run the fastest marathon ever in Australia, more than a minute quicker than the previous record on the hilly harborside course which attracted 35,000 competitors from around the world. The 28-year-old Ethiopian finished 10 seconds clear of compatriot Addisu Gobena with Lesotho's Tebello Ramakongoana third.

Kiros was part of a lead pack of seven runners and then surged off the front with Gobena to make it a duel for the remaining five kilometers. Kiros then handled better the downhill gradient to the finish line at the Sydney Opera House to claim an impressive victory on a brisk winter's morning.

It was the Sydney Marathon's first year as a major, joining a list of elite events that includes New York, London, Berlin, Boston, Tokyo and Chicago.

Hassan overcomes pain barrier

Dutch multi-distance star Hassan was also in record-breaking form as she dominated the women's race to win in 2:18:22, almost three minutes quicker than Ethiopia's Workenesh Edesa record time set last year.

Kenyan runner Brigid Kosgei was 34 seconds behind with Edesa third in 2:22:05.

"The last five kilometres, I'm dead," Hassan said after winning her third major. "I felt so good in the first 5Ks and I think I pushed too hard. I pushed really hard the last 10Ks. I was like, 'That's not really smart. I'm going to pay the price', but I feel I got away with it. I'm so grateful."

"It's the first major marathon in Australia, in Sydney, and I'm the first one to win, so it's big history for me.

Kenyan star finishes ninth but enthrals fans

Dual Olympic gold-medalist Eliud Kipchoge, the headline attraction in the men's field,



**Ethiopian Hailemariam Kiros reacts as he crosses the finish line to win the Sydney Marathon in Sydney, Sunday, Aug. 31, 2025.**  
**Associated Press.**

was warmly embraced by his competitors as he crossed the

line in ninth place, more than two minutes behind, and was enthusiastically cheered by the thousands of fans along the finish-line enclosure.

Kipchoge, who won gold at the 2016 and 2020 Olympic Games, fell off the lead pack with 10 kilometers to go and couldn't find his way back into the contention.

"I'm happy to go across the finish line. I have nothing to prove," the 40-year-old said. "My mission is to bring all the people together. Let us surpass 55,000 (from 35,000 this year), actually, next year to run here."

"It's a beautiful course. It's a course whereby there is no other in this world."

Scaroni, Hug score another major

The women's and men's wheelchair events took place in tandem with the runners

and Susannah Scaroni of the United States added to her list of marathon major victories with a win in the women's event.

A heavy favorite coming into the race, it was the 34-year-old Washington state resident's, first major win outside of the U.S.

"It shows that sport movement is for every human being and it makes every human being better," Scaroni said to reporters at the finish line.

Switzerland's Marcel Hug won the men's event in a record time of 1:27:15, smashing by more than 11 minutes the Sydney record held by Canada's Josh Cassidy's from 2024.

Hug has seven Paralympic gold medals to go with 23 other major marathon victories. □



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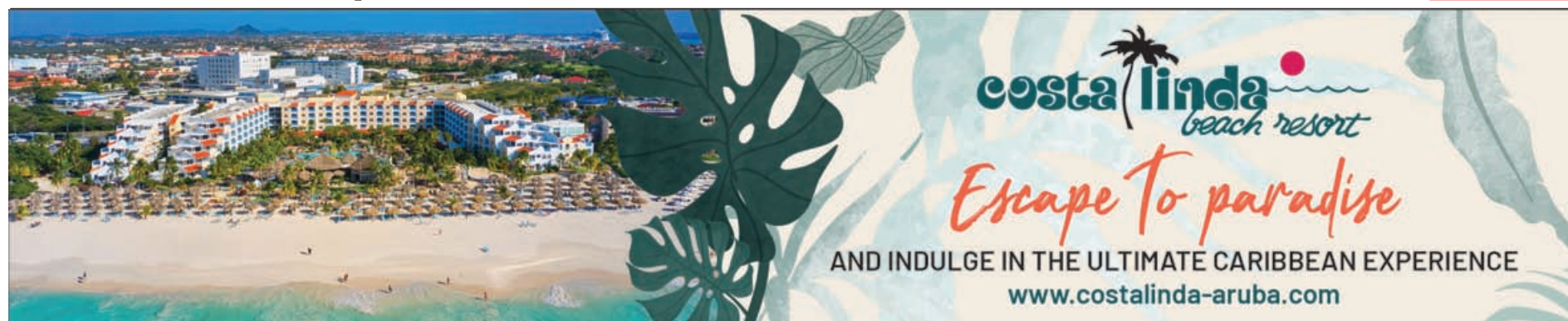


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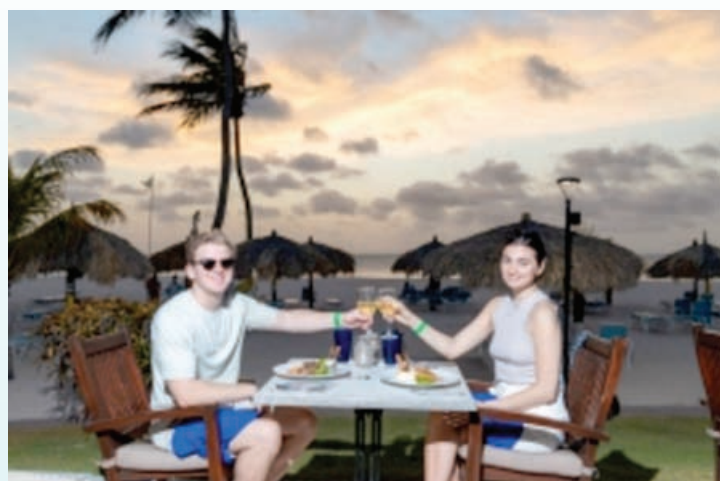
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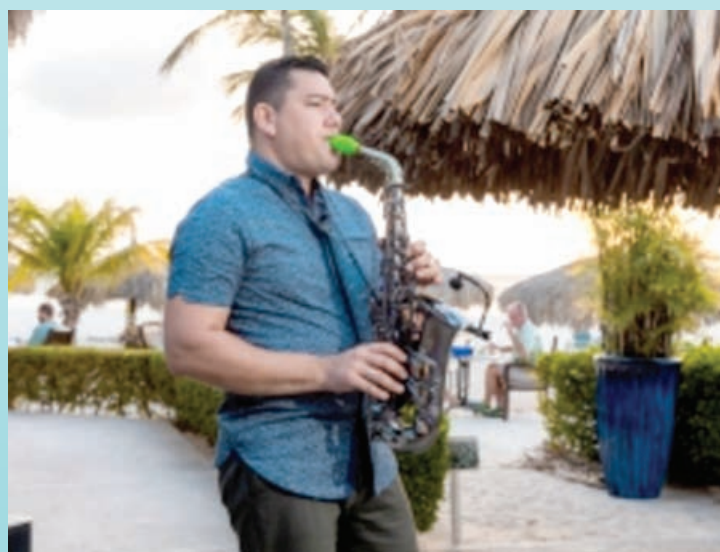
## Create precious memories in the heart of Costa Linda Beach Resort Water's Edge Restaurant offers the complete vacation experience!



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with a gorgeous hot honey sauce. If you want something on the sweeter side, try their Crème Brûlée French Toast, served with an in-house mascarpone whip cream and topped with fresh fruit and powdered sugar. Or maybe the Traditional American Breakfast is more to your liking, complete with any kind of serving of eggs, bacon, sausage and toast, served with a side of hash browns.

For lunch, keep it easy with their handheld items like their Bacon and Cheddar Burger, Mediterranean Quesadillas or Street Tacos. Want a taste of the Caribbean? Try the Grouper Reuben; A local twist to the traditional Reuben, complete with rye bread, in-house 1000 island dressing, sauerkraut and grilled grouper, served with a side of Cajun Fries.

Dinner plans are set with Water's Edge mouthwatering dinner menu. Start your gastronomic journey with a scrumptious appetizer such as the Maryland Crab Cakes, maybe the Crispy Calamari or the delectable Coconut Shrimp. You can also opt for their Water's Edge House Wedge Salad or freshly made Shrimp Louie Salad, made with poached shrimp, tossed in Louie dressing, fresh avocados and vine ripe tomatoes. For something a bit heartier, try their classic French Onion Soup, Lobster Bisque or Crab and Corn Chowder.

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